

Society's News and Sidelights

Changes in Modern Mode of Living Affects Social Season

Increasing Use of Country Homes Takes From Opera and Horse Show Power to Rule the Fashionable Set.

WHILE the premiere at the Metropolitan to-morrow evening and the opening of the Horse Show in Squadron A Armory in the afternoon and evening will give order and body to the winter season, those incidents of historical sequence do not to-day, as they did the rather recent past, mark the formal inauguration of the season for New York society.

The opera has lost none of the fashionable significance it inherited from the preceding decades at the Academy of Music, but certain changes in the modern mode of living have taken from it and the horse show their time power to open the doors of the season and mark an abrupt change from autumn to winter. To-day society slips gradually into winter, with suburban life holding a growing influence over the actions of men and women who make New York's fashionable world what it is to-day.

With increasing wealth and an expansion of the city that carried culture comforts into outlying districts came into being the country club colonies. This mode of life, based upon an inherited English fondness for the open country and its expansive recreations, has gradually made the city incidental to country life, until to-day there comes the open question: which exercises greater influence over society, urban or suburban life?

There are arguments on both sides, but the fact remains to stare society in the face that those who can afford both suburban and city uses are coming more and more to regard the town as a mere source of supply.

But, says the advocate of old city traditions, you still give your large parties in the city and you have to bring out your daughters in town to reach your concentrated friends.

To be sure, replies the suburban advocate, but while one ball was given in the late autumn in a country club twenty years ago, you may attend a dozen such frolics to-day long after the frost is on the pumpkin.

But, says the city advocate, you have to look to the city for your theatrical and musical amusements and, you must agree, that the debutante is made the theater and opera party essential to her proper upbringing. Rightly, replies the suburban advocate, but (I am speaking now chiefly of the Long Island suburbs) your automobile will bring you to your country house after the play in time for a midnight supper. You would think of having supper before that hour. And, furthermore, you forget you can play summer golf until Christmas.

Suburban Life Affects the Social Routine.

So, there you are. Suburban life is eating gradually into the social routine of the city. New York is becoming more and more, like London and Paris, incidental to the social joys and sports of the open country, and, in, you advocate of ancient city dogmas, you will have to acknowledge it would rather experience the expensive intimacy of a wedding in a country house than the cramped formality of an urban nuptial.

For instance, eighty houses in Tuxedo Park are being kept open through this winter and, at such a period as that centering about this year's autumn ball, that country club colony has a population of more than one thousand. In motoring through the Wheatley Hills of Long Island one passes a succession of palatial clubs, each set in a vast plantation with its eighteen holes of golf. It is the same along the east shore the Hudson and out into New Jersey as far as Peapack. New York society, the acknowledged ruler of society, but like many another modern monarch a ruler shorn of much ancient power.

The causes? There are two at least. One is the love for more elbow room that comes with increasing wealth. Another is the increasing say of the tricky golf ball. A few years ago a retired banker returned on his second trip to England this summer and autumn in time to turn himself together for the opening week of the opera. He said that one thing brought in upon him his two trips abroad and a previous trip to the Pacific coast was this: he longer I live the more I realize it wealth only gives you more elbow room.

The result? A gradual return, seen many other ways, to the rational life. The irrational days of society are passing, if they have not already been passed along with other ill-advised customs of modern life. Society to-day learning much from the best things another age and is combining them in a sound outlook.

With a glorified semblance of Mount Vernon as its decorative theme, the thirty-seventh annual Horse Show this week will have the backing of society, not as the show had it in the old, fervid days of the Madison Square garden.

The show also will have its philanthropic side—a modern development—since the days of the war, used in Mount Vernon will be the members' box and the team room. This week is to be operated for the benefit of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. John H. Prentice will be the head of the show, with Mrs. Courtlandt D. Ames, Miss Ruth V. Twombly, Mrs. Gust Belmont, Mrs. Cornelius N. van der Bruggen, Mrs. Henry J. Latham among her "captains." There will be luncheon each day from noon to 2 and tea from 4 to 6 o'clock. To cause some of the hotels have been invited to contribute 1,500 luncheons, waitresses will include the Misses Gertrude Hughes, Diana Dalziel, Dolores Carillo, Mary Sheffield, Caroline and Kate de Forest Prentice.

Horse Show Sidelights.

There also will be the usual Horse show sidelights in the annual break-to-day in the Biltmore by Mr. McE. Bowman, Mr. Reginald C. Vanderbilt's luncheon for the Hackney club on Wednesday and the luncheon at the Fat Man's Club the next day. A eligibility weight necessary for participation in the latter feast has a newly set among members of the show association at 275 pounds. It is announced the attendance next year will be larger than ever in the past, which tells a tale of better times.

More of the Debutantes Being Introduced to Society This Season



Miss MARGARET SLOANE MANSON, DAUGHTER OF MR. and MRS. JOHN A. MANSON
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Miss PRISCILLA ALDEN ALLEN, DAUGHTER OF MR. and MRS. FREDERICK H. ALLEN, OF PELHAM MANOR and NEW YORK.
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Junior Assembly This Year Has First Dance Week Late

IN a few days there will be sent out invitations for the first Junior assembly of the season. The date will be held on the night of December 8 in the ballroom suite of the Ritz-Carlton, and this gathering will be marked by the presence of debutantes of this season and last. The date of the first assembly in years past has been fixed for the first Friday in December, but this year it was not considered practical to have the dance on that night, which follows the feast of Thanksgiving.

These dances, which will be three in number, have many subscribers who have daughters or near relatives to be introduced this season and those who came out a year ago, and it is unusual for any subscriber to be on the list more than two years. As is well known, the Junior assemblies are the successors to the Junior cotillions, for so many years guided by Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge. It would have been a misnomer had the title of the dances been continued. The change first of all was in compliment to Mrs. Dodge, and it was not necessary to designate them any longer as cotillions, as that form of dancing, so important years ago, is now obsolete.

The committee for the assemblies of the coming season comprises Mrs. Alexander C. Colt, Mrs. Robert L. Stevens, Mrs. Walter Phelps Bliss, Mrs. James Gore King, Mrs. Murray Witherbee Dodge, Mrs. Herbert L. Pratt, Mrs. Francis H. Cabot, Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee and Mrs. John H. Prentice.

Many Subscribers.

Mrs. Henry Clews will be one of the subscribers, as she is introducing this winter her granddaughter, Miss Louise Clews, who is the daughter of Mr. Henry Clews, Jr., and of Mrs. L. Morris Clews, who, after a long residence in France, passed the summer in Newport. In the long list of subscribers are Misses John Girard Agar, Henry H. Abbott, Walter Oakes, Archibald Russell Peabody, Frederick H. Allen, Alexander Duer, Joseph Wood Cushman, L. Chauncey McKee, W. H. Nelson, Voss, Garrett B. Kip, Herbert C. Lakin, Horace Andrews, W. Barton Baldwin, Harry H. Balts, Donn Barber, Payne Whitney, Harry Payne Whitney, Barclay Uman, William Pitt Trimble, Louis Watkin, Robert Waller, William R. K. Taylor, J. Stewart Barney, Henry L. Gatterman, Howard C. Brockaw, Irving Brookman, Winchester Noyes, J. Archibald Murray, D. Thomas Moore, M. Bonner Lockwood and Horace Andrews.

Other subscribers are Yvonne H. Hayes Brooks, J. Arthur Brooks, Archibald M. Brown, William H. Burr, R. de Goleurica Cameron, George Crawford Clark, Sydney J. Colford, Jr., Thomas G. Martin, J. Keogh, George E. Dammun, Walter Bamrosch, Frederic Martin, Everet Macy, Goodhue Livingston, Herman D. Kountze, W. Eugene Kimball, Gertrude H. Gertrude, Miss Margaret Davies, H. Casimir de Rham, Norman H. Davis, Nelson L. Deming, J. Magee Ellsworth, Charles Flisk, James W. Gerard, for her niece, Miss Margaret Gilman, M. Bacon Gilbert, P. Norton Goodard, Bertram Goodhue, George de Bolston Greene, John Henry Hammond, Walker D. Hines, W. Warner Hopkin, Jr., George S. Huntington, George A. Hurd, A. Filmore Hyde, Bartholomew Jacob, Robert Underwood Johnson, Albert V. Kelley and John Prentice Kellogg.

Added to these are Mesdames Mahlon Pitney, Frederick Peterson, Elphinstone Potter, Robert Kelly Prentice.



(ABOVE) MISS ESTELLE WILKES, DAUGHTER OF MR. and MRS. FELIX WILKES.
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daughter, Miss Louise Gleason, who last year was at the Porter School in Farmington, Conn. Added to the list of debutantes is Miss Katherine Kelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Kelley of 418 Park avenue.

Sale of Articles Made By Disabled Veterans

Various articles made by disabled veterans now in hospitals around New York will be placed on sale beginning to-morrow, November 12, at Lord & Taylor's store, fifth floor, under the auspices of the Last We Forget Committee. Among the members of this committee are Mrs. Arthur Terry, Mrs. Franklin Lawrence, Mrs. J. West Roosevelt, Mrs. Stanley Haskins, Mrs. Francis Rogers, Mrs. W. A. Barstow, Mrs. Douglas Robinson and Mrs. Henry Taylor. They have expressed the hope that the sale be patronized as liberally as possible to better help the men by giving them a chance to help themselves.

The number of disabled soldiers has increased to a marked degree during the three years that the Last We Forget Committee have been conducting sales. The supply of available articles from the soldiers' hands have multiplied six times during that period.

This will be the third consecutive annual sale held at Lord & Taylor's. The first year 12,400 worth of articles were sold, every cent of which went to the men, as there are no expenses. Last year nearly \$5,000 worth of articles were sold. The committee hopes to do much better this year. The sale will last throughout the week.

TO OPEN LUNCHEON SERVICE.

To-morrow the Madison Avenue Exchange for Women's Work, in their new quarters, 674 Madison avenue, will open a luncheon service from 12 to 2 and will serve afternoon tea at 4. The officers are Mrs. Ira Barrows, president; Mrs. George Ladd, vice-president; Mrs. Henry A. Casar, treasurer, and Mrs. J. Thoms Munds, secretary.

Miss Holt Will Marry Among the Blind She Helps

Rufus Graves Mather to Wed Philanthropist at Her Lighthouse.

IT is only natural that Miss Winifred Holt, who has devoted so much of her life to helping the blind, should wed amid the people she has loved and helped, so the Lighthouse for the Blind at 111 East Fifty-ninth street, founded by her, will be the scene of her marriage next Thursday to Mr. Rufus Graves Mather, descendant of the first president of Harvard, who is also actively interested in her work for the sightless.

Miss Holt has requested her friends to send no wedding presents for her personal use, but to make any offering they may have contemplated for the benefit of the blind. Bishop William T. Manning, assisted by Chaplain Raymond C. Knox of Columbia, will perform the ceremony at half-past 4 o'clock.

Miss Holt, who is a daughter of Mr. Henry Holt of 53 East Sixty-sixth street, will be attended by her sister, Mrs. Joseph Colt Bloodgood; Mrs. Lucy Work Hewitt and Mrs. Francis Rogers. Mr. Mather will have his brother, Prof. Frank Jewett Mather of Princeton, as best man. The whole Lighthouse will be thrown open for the reception to follow the ceremony. Miss Holt is interested in the blind in Europe as well as in this country, and through her efforts Lighthouses have been founded in France and Italy.

Miss Beatrice Starr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Morris Starr, of 128 East Seventieth street, will be married to Mr. William De Ford Beal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Prince Beal of Boston, next Friday afternoon in the Central Presbyterian Church, Madison avenue and Fifty-seventh street. A reception will follow at Sherry's.

Miss Starr will be attended by her sister, Miss C. Margaret Starr, as maid of honor, and another sister, Miss Emeline D. Starr; her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Danforth, of Summit, N. J.; Mrs. Thomas Prince Beal, Jr. of Boston; Miss Margie James of Catonsville, Md.; Miss Catherine Appleton of Buffalo and Miss Helena Ogden. Miss Madeleine Lyndon and Mrs. William Y. Harmon Brown, all of New York, as bridesmaids.

Mr. Thomas Prince Beal, Jr., will be best man for his brother. The ushers will be the Rev. William A. Lawrence and Messrs. William D. Schler, Jr., Herbert Charles, John A. Sweetser, Charles E. Cotting and Frederic M. Burnham of Boston; Clarence H. Young, Laurence McKee, Miller, Nicholas Danforth, uncle of the bride, and Theodore Starr, her cousin, all of New York.

In St. Joseph's Church at Garden City, L. I., next Saturday afternoon Miss Marion Josephine McCall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McCall, will become the bride of Mr. Converse M. Converse, son of Mr. A. C. Converse.

Miss McCall is a granddaughter of the late John A. McCall, once president of the New York Life Insurance Company, and is a graduate of the Marymount School at Tarrytown. She has chosen Miss Jean Wuerst for her maid of honor and Miss Dorothy Lanning, Edith Grogan and Mildred Chichester and Mrs. H. Seymour Houghton for her other attendants. Mr. Willis Harlow will be best man and the ushers will be Messrs. James Carpenter, John Russell Ward, Joseph Monahan and H. Seymour Houghton.

The ceremony, at 3 o'clock, will be followed by a reception at the Garden City Hotel.

Mrs. Howland Russell of 343 Lexington avenue has sent out invitations for the marriage of her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Jay Russell, to Mr. Stephen Leash Landon, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hutton Landon, to take place Thursday, November 23, in the Church of the Epiphany, Thirty-fifth street and Lexington avenue, at 4 o'clock. A small reception for relatives and intimate friends will follow at the home of Mrs. Russell.

The bride will be attended by the Misses Alison Swan, Joanna Auchincloss, Cornelia Landon, sister of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Charles Moore Tyson, formerly Miss Betty Carson, Mr. Henry Hutton Landon, Jr., will be best man. The ushers will be the Messrs. William Blair of Chicago, Alinsky, Sawyer of Boston, and Rev. Charles Mosey Taylor, Pine, Livingston Platt, Nathaniel R. Landon, Harold M. Landon and Charles H. Russell, all of New York.

Only members of the two families and a few close friends will be asked to the marriage of Mrs. Frances H. Wrentham, daughter of Mr. James C. Wrentham, New York and San Francisco, to Mr. Cornelius Van Hemert Engert, assistant chief of the Near Eastern Division of the Department of State. Although the exact date has not been set, it will take place early in December in California. Mr. Engert was graduated from the University of California in 1903. He specialized in history and was Le Conte Memorial Fellow at Harvard in 1911-12. He had a wide consular and diplomatic experience in Turkey and the East during the World War. He was at one time secretary of Legation at The Hague and Teheran. He was appointed to his present position at Washington last April.

Calendar of Social Events for the Week

MONDAY.
Opening of the opera season.
National Horse Show; Squadron A Armory.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Tiedemann, 330 Park avenue, a dinner and dance for their daughter, Miss Aline Katherine Tiedemann and Mr. William Henry Hulick, Jr., who will be married Thursday in St. Bartholomew's.

Christmas sale at Lord & Taylor's, fifth floor, of articles made by disabled veterans of the world war, to continue throughout the week.

TUESDAY.
Sale for charity at Everybody's Thrift Shop, 114 East Fifty-ninth street.

Ten by board of managers of the Bethany Day Nursery, 402 East Sixty-seventh street.

WEDNESDAY.

Luncheon for Miss Abby Rockefeller, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Colony Club.

Bridge for the Fifth Avenue Hospital Fund; Biltmore Cascades, afternoon.

Marriage of Miss Edith Beckford, daughter of Mr. Samuel J. Beckford, to Mr. Richard Limburg; home of the bride's grandfather, Mr. Adolf Lewishson, 531 Fifth avenue.

THURSDAY.

Marriage of Miss Winifred Holt, daughter of Mr. Henry Holt, to Mr. Rufus Graves Mather; at the Lighthouse, 111 East Fifty-ninth street.

Marriage of Miss Aline Katherine Tiedemann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Tiedemann, to Mr. William Henry Hulick, Jr.; St. Bartholomew's, 4 P. M.

FRIDAY.

Marriage Miss Beatrice Starr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Morris Starr, to Mr. William De Ford Beal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Prince Beal of Boston; Central Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Barclay Uman, 24 East Eighty-first street, afternoon reception to introduce Miss Audrey Barclay Uman.

Mrs. Winchester Fitch, 21 East Eightieth street, luncheon for Miss Dora Hotchkiss, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace L. Hotchkiss, Jr.

First dance for this season of the Bachelors; Della Robbia, Vanderbilt.

SATURDAY.

Marriage Miss Marion Josephine McCall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McCall, to Mr. Converse M. Converse; St. Joseph's Church, Garden City, 4 P. M.

Marriage Miss Dorothy M. Anderson, daughter of Mr. John M. Anderson, to Mr. Roger Morton Gilderleeve; Church of Our Savior, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Marriage of Miss Ruth Fitch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith Fitch, to Mr. William Wallace, Jr.; First Reformed Church, Brooklyn.

Marriage Miss Mignon Cauchols, sister of Mr. and Mrs. Jean Cauchols, to Mr. Richard S. Maitland; Church of the Gardens, Forest Hills, L. I.

First of Fall Mail Supper Dances; Grill room, Lorraine.

First of Portnightly Dances; Automobile Club of America, 247 West Fifty-fourth street.

Saturday Evening Supper Dance; Rose room, Plaza.

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